

Register Now! (ideas are expansive...but seating is limited) A day of science and discovery....at UMASS, Boston

Join scientists, marine educators, students, park rangers, and others at the 2008 Boston Harbor Islands Science Symposium! The event will highlight active research from the islands and waters in the Boston Harbor Islands national park area, ranging from insects in the 'micro-wilderness' to breeding birds, eroding drumlins, tracking intertidal organisms to determine the effects of sea level rise, and an update on water quality indicators in the harbor. The day will be capped off with a panel discussion about 'nature deficit disorder' in partnership with the Masschusetts Marine Educators Association.

Bring your ideas and questions and come enjoy a day of learning and sharing!

	Preliminary Agenda
8:00am	Registration
9:00am	Welcome and Introduction
9:30am-12:00	Morning Session: Biodiversity in the Park
	· Insects in the micro-wilderness (multiple studies)
	· Small mammals on Lovells and Bumpkin Islands
	· Slime Molds of the Harbor Islands
12:00	Lunch: on your own at Campus Center Food Court
1:00pm	Early Afternoon Session:
	Tracking Changes to Park and Harbor Resources
	· Vital Signs Monitoring ~
	Breeding Birds and Intertidal Organisms
	· Geophysical Processes ~
	Waves, wakes, and drumlin erosion
	 Boston Harbor Water Quality Indicators
3:30pm	Future Research and Monitoring Needs for the Park
4:00pm	Panel Discussion
	· Addressing Nature Deficit Disorder by Engaging Students
	in Citizen Science and Stewardship
5:00pm	Closing

your participation can make a difference

A recent study found that young people can identify 1,000 corporate logos but fewer than 10 plants or animals in their backyards.



Call for papers and posters

if you have something of interest, we want to know about it.

This event is sponsored by Boston Harbor Islands Partnership and Massachusetts Marine Educators Association and hosted by Urban Habors institute.





